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AMENDMENT

In response to the outstanding Office action dated July 8, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

3.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said applicator is configured to enable the application of [coating apparatus is capable of applying] a substantially uniform layer of coating composition on [a plurality of] articles having different dimensions.

4.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the end of said metering bar positioned against said applicator [roller] has a radius of at least about 2.5 mm.

5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the end of said metering bar positioned against said applicator [roller] has a radius of at least about 4.0 mm.

6.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said metering bar and said applicator are arranged to enable said metering bar to exert [exerts] a force of at least about 35 g/cm width against said applicator.

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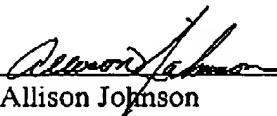
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- 1) Amendment (7 pages);
- 2) Exhibit 1, Clean Version of the Amended Claims (2 pages); and
- 3) Exhibit 2, Marked-Up Version of the Amended Claims (2 pages).

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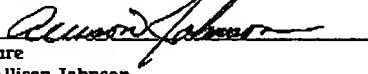
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